



# WA State Poetry Out Loud 2022-23

All Students and Schools grades 9-12!

**Poetry Out Loud (POL)** is a national arts education program that builds on elements of slam poetry and spoken word to engage students with the power of literature. The National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation partner with state arts agencies to offer Poetry Out Loud programs in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa. The Washington State Arts Commission (ArtsWA) coordinates the Washington State program.

## POL School Registration: [August 22 – November 18](#)

- Poetry Out Loud is open to any school in Washington State grades 9-12.
- Participating schools are encouraged to identify 2-3 teachers with one POL program coordinator to manage school finals. *Exceptions may be made- Please contact us with questions.*
- Registered schools will work with a regional coordinator as school champions move on to compete in one of four regional finals. Regional champions will move on to the state final.
- **All students** are eligible for participation and advancement in this program.

## POL Virtual: [September 19 – November 18](#)

- **Individual students** may register for Washington POL Virtual if they meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - The school they attend is not a participating/registered POL school
  - They are homeschooled
  - No more than 4 students from an individual school can register for POL Virtual.
- Students participating in POL Virtual will need to access to a computer and reliable internet.
- POL Virtual will hold its own online competition. The champion will go on to represent POL Virtual at the State Final in March.

## Program Timeline

- School Registration opens August 22, 2022
- POL Virtual Registration opens September 19, 2022
- Registration deadline (all): November 18, 2022
- Classroom Implementation/POL Virtual: between September 2022 and early January 2023
- School Finals deadline: January 20, 2023
- Regional Finals deadline: February 5, 2023; individual dates vary
- State Final: March 11, 2023
- National Finals: May 8-10, 2023

For additional program information, and the online registration form, go to:

[www.arts.wa.gov/arts-in-education/poetry-out-loud](http://www.arts.wa.gov/arts-in-education/poetry-out-loud)

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